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Town Officers

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## Town of Acworth

New Hampshire



For The Year Ending December 31, 1996

*Please Bring this Town Report to Town Meeting  
on Tuesday, March 11, 1997*

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## REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**TOWN HALL** 835-6879

**SELECTMEN:** Alternate Mondays 7:30 P.M.  
Jack Rieck, Chairman

**TOWN CLERK:** Mon., Tues, Wed., 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Sat. 9 - 11 a.m. Brenda Longley, Clerk

**PLANNING BOARD:**  
Last Wed., 7:30 p.m.  
Bruce Bascom, Chairman

**MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE:**  
Third Wed., 7:30 p.m.  
Bruce Bascom, Charman

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:**  
Second Wed., 7:30 p.m.  
Sam Stephens, Chairman

**RECREATION COMMITTEE:**  
Second Mon., 7:00 p.m.  
Red Longley, Chairman

**ZBA:** First Wed., 7:30 p.m.  
Paul Colsmann, Chairman

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE:**  
First Tues., 7:00 p.m. Town Hall

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES:**  
Second Tues., 9:30 a.m. Library  
Nancy Sandoe, Chairman

**DUMP HOURS:** Sat., 9 a.m.. - 4 p.m.  
Wed. 12 - 6 p.m.

**LIBRARY HOURS:** Sun. 1 - 4 p.m.  
10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tues. & Thurs.

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:**  
**FIRE - 352-1100**  
**CLAREMONT POLICE - 1-542-7040**



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## TOWN OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Moderator                   | Kenneth Grant - 1999      |
| Board of Selectmen          | Jack Rieck - 1997         |
|                             | Lyman A. Young - 1998     |
|                             | Camelia Amell - 1999      |
| Town Clerk                  | Brenda Longley - 1998     |
| Tax Collector               | Leon F. Newton            |
| Deputy Tax Collector        | Scott Luther-Houghton     |
| Treasurer                   | Earl F. Luther, Jr.       |
| Supervisors of Checklist    | Roselva A. Dearden - 1998 |
|                             | Gordon Gowen - 2000       |
|                             | Gladys Ring-Bogle - 2002  |
| Overseer of Public Welfare  | Selectmen                 |
| Health Officer              | Patricia Rieck - 1999     |
| Auditor                     | Kathi Bradt - Resigned    |
|                             | Sarah Haines - Appt.      |
| Trustees of Trust Fund      | Sandra Lord - 1997        |
|                             | Olga Bassinne - 1998      |
|                             | Marguerite Hanson - 1999  |
| Library Trustees            | Nancy Sandoe - 1997       |
|                             | Olga Bassinne - 1998      |
|                             | Ruth Balla - 1999         |
| Administrative Assistant to |                           |
| Board of Selectmen          | Earl F. Luther, Jr.       |
| Budget Committee            | Susan Metsack - 1997      |
|                             | Waldo Streeter - Resigned |
|                             | Craig Lawler Appt. - 1997 |
|                             | Ralph Balla - 1998        |
|                             | Richard Stewart - 1998    |
|                             | Torrey Greene - 1999      |
|                             | Linda Christie - 1999     |
| Road Agent                  | Don Porter                |
| Road Committee              | Ralph Balla - 1997        |
|                             | Roger Butson - 1997       |
|                             | Steve Levin - 1998        |
|                             | Richard Stewart - 1998    |
|                             | Howell Longley - 1999     |
|                             | James Phinizy - 1999      |
| Planning Board              | Thomas Esslinger - 1997   |
|                             | Steve Levin - 1997        |
|                             | Bruce Bascom - 1998       |
|                             | John W. Balla - 1998      |
|                             | Richard Bishop - 1999     |
|                             | Matthew Sarles - 1999     |
| Conservation Commission     | Brian Miller - 1997       |
|                             | Elizabeth Snider - 1997   |



Conservation Commission: cont.

Tree Warden

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Alternates to Zoning Board

Recreation Committee

Fall Mt. Reg. School Board Member

Town Forester

Recycling Committee

Geraldine Rudenfeldt - 1998  
Deborah Hinman - 1998  
Samuel Stephens - 1999  
Laurie Luther-Houghton - 1999  
G. Kristian Fenderson  
James Phinizy - 1997  
Patrick LeClair - 1998  
Edward Metsack - 1998  
Paul Colsmann - 1999  
Fay Knicely - 1999  
John W. Balla  
Charles Ginter  
Clare Gowen - 1997  
Michael Gendron - 1998  
William Leahy - 1998  
Milton Eley - 1998  
Howell Longley - 1999  
Guy DuBois - 1999  
James Elsesser  
Peter Rhoades  
Earl Luther  
Sam Stephens  
John Tuthill  
Albert Blais  
Kelly Nash

## MINUTES FOR TOWN MEETING OF MARCH 12, 1996

To the inhabitants of the town of Acworth in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to bring in your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall on Tuesday the 12th day of March next, between the hours of two of the clock in the afternoon until nine of the clock in the evening to act upon the following:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Kenneth Grant who read the warrant.

Rev. Clowes offered a prayer.

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Moderator - 3 Year Term                  | Kenneth Grant     |
| Selectmen - 3 Year Term                  | Camelia Amell     |
| Tax Collector                            | Leon Newton       |
| Treasurer                                | Earl Luther Jr.   |
| Supervisor of Checklist -<br>6 Year Term | Gladys Ring-Bogle |
| Auditor                                  | Kathi Bradt       |
| Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 Year Term     | Marguerite Hanson |
| Library Trustee                          | Ruth Balla        |
| Budget Committee - 3 Year Term           | Linda Christie    |
|  | Torrey Greene     |
| Road Committee - 3 Year Term             | Red Longley       |
|  | Lou Tallman       |
| Planning Board - 3 Year Term             | Richard Bishop    |
|  | Matt Sarles       |

ARTICLE TWO: Motion was made by Craig Lawler and seconded by Richard Stewart to accept the minutes of the Town Meeting of March 14, 1995. Motion passed.

ARTICLE THREE: Motion was made by Ray Nabatoff and seconded by Ralph Balla to empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers. Motion passed.

ARTICLE FOUR: Motion was made by Earl Luther and seconded by Ralph Balla to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Motion passed.

ARTICLE FIVE: Motion was made by Claudia Istel and seconded by Craig Lawler to vote to approve the following contract between the Town and the Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co. etc.

An amendment was made by Craig Lawler and seconded by Nancy Stewart to authorize the Selectmen to renegotiate a contract between the Town and the Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co. and delete the contract. A ballot vote was taken 63 Yes 63 No Tied. Another ballot vote was taken yes 64 no 67 Motion Lost. Another ballot vote was taken on the original article 87 Yes 33 No the original article passed.



payment to be on or before April 1 of each contract year, and the second payment on or before October 1 of each contract year.

9. This contract shall continue in force until such time as either party requests otherwise.

ARTICLE SIX: Motion was made by Ed Metsack and seconded by Tracy Hanson to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new highway truck for \$75,000.00 with the \$30,000.00 to come from the General Fund Surplus, \$30,000.00 to come from a note repayable in \$10,000.00 annual increments in 1997, 1998 and 1999 and the balance \$15,000.00 to be raised by general taxation in 1996. Article was amended by Lyman Young and seconded by Jack Rieck to read as follows: To authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new highway truck for \$90,000.00 with \$30,000.00 to come from the General Fund Surplus, \$30,000.00 to come from a note repayable in \$15,000.00 annual increments in 1997, 1998 and 1999 and the balance \$15,000.00 to be raised by general taxation in 1996. Ballot vote

110 ballots case needed 2/3 vote    yes 94    no 16    Article six passed.

ARTICLE SEVEN: Motion was made by Caroline Barth and seconded by Diantha Schierloh voted to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same as recommended in the budget by the Budget Committee. The Article was amended to change the Fire Co. from 11,000.00 to 18,000.00 and Article 6 added \$15,000.00 to the budget bringing the total budget to \$483,676.00 Budget passed as amended.

ARTICLE EIGHT: Motion was made by Earl Luther and Ralph Balla seconded to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such services is less than \$1,000.00. Motion passed.

ARTICLE NINE: Motion was made by Leon Newton and seconded by Lyman Young to cancel the authorization given to the selectmen in 1990 to convey to the previous owner upon certain conditions a lot situated on Dodge Brook, known as the Bridgham Lot. Motion passed.

ARTICLE TEN: Motion made by Ralph Balla and seconded by Earl Luther to authorize the Selectmen to sell, at no less than its assessed value, as equalized by the assessment ratio, the Bridgham Lot so called, Lot 391 of the Tax Map. Motion passed as amended.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: Motion was made by Susan Metsack and seconded by Ed Metsack to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town. Motion lost.

ARTICLE TWELVE: Motion was made by Ralph Balla and seconded by Caroline Barth to urge our representatives to the General Court of New Hampshire and the United States Congress to pass laws reforming electoral campaign financing. Motion passed.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: A recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to check out the ballfield for lead with the EPA.

Alva Grant is organizing a parade for Old Home Day. Please contact her if you want to put in a float.

Recessed at 10:45 p.m. to count ballots.

Meeting was finally adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Brenda Longley, Town Clerk



**OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION AND THOSE WHO FILED FOR  
MARCH 11, 1997 TOWN MEETING**

Selectmen - 3 Year Term

Thomas Batchelder

Tax Collector

Jack Rieck

Treasurer

Leon F. Newton

Auditor

Earl F. Luther, Jr.

Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 Year Term

No Filer

Library Trustee - 3 Year Term

No Filer

Budget Committee - 3 Year Term

Nancy Sandoe

(2 People)

Howell Longley

Road Committee - 3 Year Term (2 People)

No Filer

Planning Board - 3 Year Term

(2 People)

Brenda Longley

**WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 11, 1997**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Acworth in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.:

You are hereby notified to bring in your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall on Tuesday the 11th day of March next, between the hours of the two of the clock in the afternoon until nine of the clock in the evening to act upon the following: The Business part of the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

One Selectman for the term of three years.

Treasurer to serve for a term of one year.

Tax Collector to serve for a term of one year.

Trustee of Silsby Library to serve for a term of three years.

Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three years.

Two members of the Budget Committee to serve for terms of three years.

Two members of the Planning Board to serve for terms of three years.

Auditor to serve for a term of one year.

Two members of the Road Committee to serve for terms of three years.

ARTICLE TWO: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting (Australian Ballot) on all issues before the Town.

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will accept the minutes of the Town Meeting of March 12, 1996.

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a section of the Old Charlestown Road, so called, running from the former Faithful Jeffery residence on the Acworth-Charlestown Road northerly to Black North Road, a distance of 1850 feet, more or less, as provided in RSA 231:43. No owner of land shall, without his written consent, be deprived of access over such discontinued highway, at his own risk, also as provided in RSA 231:43. (Written notice has been given to all owners of property abutting such highway, at least 14 days prior to the vote of the Town.) By Petition.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriatons of the same as recommended in the budget by the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town as provided in RSA 72:39-b. The question to be voted on as required by RSA 72:30-b, I (c) is as follows:

"Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Acworth based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$7,500;

For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000.

For a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000.

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the tax payer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$20,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence."

ARTICLE TEN: "To see if the Town will vote to establish as town forest under RSA 31:110 the tract(s) or parcel(s) of land known as the Gove Lot, to authorize the Conservation Commission to manage the Town forest under the provision of RSA 31:112 II, and to authorize the placement of any proceeds which may accrue from said forest management in a separate forest maintenance fund, which shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year as provided by RSA 31:113. Dispersal of said funds above and beyond the implementation of the management plan shall be approved by the voters at the annual Town Meeting."

ARTICLE ELEVEN: "To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,250.00 for the purpose of hiring a forester to develop a forest management plan with the Conservation Commission for the Town Forest, known as the Gove Lot. \$1,000.00 of this total (\$2250.00) will be paid by the Conservation Commission from the conservation fund. The Conservation Commission would be reimbursed for its share of this cost from future proceeds of said plan." The Selectboard recommends passage of this article.

ARTICLE TWELVE: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this town meeting.

Given under our hands and seal of the Town of Acworth this 17th day of February, 1997.

Board of Selectmen  
Jack Rieck  
Lyman A. Young  
Camelia Amell

A True Copy of Warrant Attest:  
Jack Rieck  
Lyman A. Young  
Camelia Amell



# 1997 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ACWORTH

| <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | <u>Appropriations<br/>1996</u> | <u>Expenditures<br/>1996</u> | <u>Select-<br/>men's<br/>Budget<br/>1997</u> | <u>Recom-<br/>mended<br/>1997</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| <b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>       |                                |                              |  |                                   |
| Executive                       | 7,600                          | 7,600                        | 7,600  | 7,600                             |
| Elec., Reg. & Vital Stat.       | 2,000                          | 2,678                        | 1,500  | 1,500                             |
| Financial Administration        | 6,300                          | 6,366                        | 6,700  | 6,700                             |
| Revaluation of Property         | 1,000                          | 1,200                        | 1,000  | 1,000                             |
| Legal Expense                   | 5,000                          | 3,443                        | 5,000  | 5,000                             |
| Planning and Zoning             | 500                            | 342                          | 500  | 500                               |
| Gen. Government Bldg.           | 5,000                          | 6,469                        | 5,000  | 5,000                             |
| Cemeteries                      | 3,000                          | 2,736                        | 3,000  | 3,000                             |
| Insurance                       | 10,000                         | 8,652                        | 10,000                                       | 10,000                            |
| Other Gen. Government           | 13,000                         | 11,956                       | 13,000                                       | 13,000                            |
| <b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>            |                                |                              |  |                                   |
| Police                          | 18,400                         | 18,251                       | 19,000                                       | 19,000                            |
| Ambulance                       | 2,266                          | 2,266                        | 2,400  | 2,400                             |
| Fire                            | 18,000                         | 18,000                       | 18,000                                       | 20,000                            |
| Emergency Management            | 10                             | -0-                          | 10   | 10                                |
| Animal Control                  | 700                            | 1,058                        | 700  | 700                               |
| <b>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>     |                                |                              |  |                                   |
| Highways and Streets            | 115,000                        | 122,118                      | 115,000                                      | 115,000                           |
| Street Lighting                 | 2,000                          | 1,765                        | 2,000  | 2,000                             |
| Gen. Expenses: Highway          | 30,000                         | 34,209                       | 30,000                                       | 30,000                            |
| <b>SANITATION</b>               |                                |                              |  |                                   |
| Solid Waste Disposal            | 45,000                         | 37,339                       | 45,000                                       | 45,000                            |
| <b>HEALTH</b>                   |                                |                              |  |                                   |
| Health Agencies & Hospitals     | 7,300                          | 1,179                        | 7,300  | 7,300                             |
| Hospice                         | 250                            | 250                          | 250  | 250                               |
| SW Community Services           | 500                            | 500                          | 500  | 500                               |
| Community Kitchen               | 300                            | 300                          | 300  | 600                               |
| Food Shelf                      | 900                            | 900                          | 900  | 600                               |
| <b>WELFARE</b>                  |                                |                              |  |                                   |
| Vendor Payments                 | 5,000                          | 2,550                        | 5,000  | 5,000                             |
| <b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>   |                                |                              |  |                                   |
| Parks and Recreation            | 1,600                          | 847                          | 1,600  | 1,600                             |
| Library                         | 14,900                         | 14,900                       | 14,350                                       | 14,350                            |
| Patriotic Purposes              | 150                            | 150                          | 150  | 150                               |
| <b>CONSERVATION</b>             |                                |                              |  |                                   |
| Other Conservation              | 500                            | 500                          | 500  | 500                               |
| Forest Management Plan          |                                |                              | 2,250  | 2,250                             |
| <b>DEBT SERVICE</b>             |                                |                              |  |                                   |
| Princ.-Long Term                |                                |                              |  |                                   |
| Bonds & Notes                   | 25,000                         | 25,000                       | 40,000                                       | 40,000                            |
| Int.Long Term                   |                                |                              |  |                                   |
| Bonds & Notes                   | 3,500                          | 2,284                        | 3,500  | 3,500                             |
| Interest on TAN                 | 3,000                          | -0-                          | 3,000  | 3,000                             |

| <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | <u>Appropriations<br/>1996</u> | <u>Expenditures<br/>1996</u> | <u>Selectmen's<br/>Budget<br/>1997</u> | <u>Recommended<br/>1997</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>           |                                |                              |  |                             |
| Mach., Veh., & Equip.           | 90,000                         | 97,991                       | -0-                                    | -0                          |
| Improvements                    |                                |                              |  |                             |
| Other than Bldgs.               | 40,000                         | 40,000                       | 40,000                                 | 40,000                      |
| Ball Field                      | 6,000                          | 5,839                        | -0-                                    | -0-                         |
| <b>TOT. APPROPRIATIONS</b>      | 483,676                        | 479,638                      | 405,010                                | 407,010                     |

#### **SOURCE OF REVENUE**

|   | <u>Estimated<br/>1996</u> | <u>Actual<br/>Rev-<br/>nues<br/>1996</u> | <u>Select-<br/>men's<br/>Budget<br/>1997</u> |
|---|---------------------------|--|--|
| <b>TAXES</b>                                |                           |  |  |
| Land Use Change Taxes                       | -0-                       | 5,175                                    | -0-  |
| Yield Taxes                                 | 10,000                    | 13,735                                   | 10,000                                       |
| Interest & Penalties on                     |                           |  |  |
| Delinquent Taxes                            | 20,000                    | 22,115                                   | 20,000                                       |
| <b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>         |                           |  |  |
| Business Licenses & Permits                 | 1,500                     |  |  |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees                   | 45,000                    | 55,066                                   | 50,000                                       |
| Building Permits                            | 500                       | 120                                      | 100  |
| Other Licenses, Permits & Fees              | 2,000                     | 1,400                                    | 1,000  |
| <b>FROM STATE</b>                           |                           |  |  |
| Shared Revenue                              | 10,000                    | 18,124                                   | 10,000                                       |
| Highway Block Grant                         | 86,614                    | 86,614                                   | 89,925                                       |
| State & Fed. Forest Land Reimb.             | 200                       | 276                                      | 275  |
| <b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>                 |                           |  |  |
| Income from Depts.                          | 500                       | 1,396                                    | 1,000  |
| Other Charges                               |                           | 735                                      | 1,000  |
| <b>MISC. REVENUES</b>                       |                           |  |  |
| Sale of Municipal Property                  | 10,000                    | 9,581                                    | 10,000                                       |
| Interest on Investments                     | 3,000                     | 6,007                                    | 3,000  |
| Other                                       | 2,000                     | 9,180                                    | 4,000  |
| <b>INTERFUND OPERATING<br/>TRANSFERS IN</b> |                           |  |  |
| Trust and Agency Funds                      | 2,686                     | 2,502                                    | 4,000  |
| <b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>              |                           |  |  |
| Proc. from Long Term                        |                           |  |  |
| Notes & Bonds                               | 45,000                    | 45,000                                   | -0-  |
| Fund Bal. Voted from Surplus                | 30,000                    | 30,000                                   | -0-  |
| <b>TOT. REVENUES<br/>&amp; CREDITS</b>      | 269,000                   | 307,006                                  | 204,300                                      |

Total Appropriations - 407,010

Less: Amt. of Est. Revenues, Exclusive of Property Taxes - 204,300

Amt. of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School & County Taxes - 202,710

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
YEAR ENDING 12-31-96**

|   | Levy for<br>1996      | Prior Levies<br>1995 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>DR</b>                               |                       |                      |
| <b>Uncollected Taxes</b>                |                       |                      |
| <b>Beg. of Year*</b>                    |                       |                      |
| Property Taxes                          |                       | 143,782.81           |
| Yield Taxes                             |                       | 579.00               |
| <b>Taxes Committed</b>                  |                       |                      |
| <b>-This Year:</b>                      |                       |                      |
| Property Taxes                          | 1,224,786.00          |                      |
| Land Use Change                         | 5,175.00              |                      |
| Yield Taxes                             | 14,642.00             |                      |
| <b>Overpayment:</b>                     |                       |                      |
| Property Taxes                          |                       | 908.00               |
| Interest Collected<br>on Delinquent Tax | 1,195.22              | 10,445.00            |
| <b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>                     | <b>1,245,798.22</b>   | <b>155,714.81</b>    |
| <br><b>CR.</b>                          |                       |                      |
| <b>Remitted To Treas.</b>               |                       |                      |
| <b>During FY:</b>                       |                       |                      |
| Property Taxes                          | 1,063,339.60          | 144,690.81           |
| Land Use Change                         | 5,175.00              |                      |
| Yield Taxes                             | 13,156.00             | 579.00               |
| Interest                                | 1,195.22              | 10,445.00            |
| <b>Abatements Made:</b>                 |                       |                      |
| Property Taxes                          | 2,182.00              |                      |
| <b>Uncollected Taxes</b>                |                       |                      |
| <b>-End of Year:</b>                    |                       |                      |
| Property Taxes                          | 159,268.40            |                      |
| Yield Taxes                             | 1,482.00              |                      |
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>                    | <b>\$1,245,798.22</b> | <b>\$155,714.81</b>  |



\* \* \* ON LEVIES OF \* \* \*

| <b>Dr.</b>  | <b>1996</b>        | <b>1994</b>        | <b>1993</b>        | <b>Prev.</b>      |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Unredeemed Liens<br>Bal. at Beg.<br>of Fiscal Yr. |                    | 61,718.86          | 25,376.33          | 4,632.52          |
| Liens Executed<br>During Fiscal Yr.               | 85,315.97          |                    |                    |                   |
| Interest & Costs<br>Coll. After Lien<br>Execution | 386.58             | 1,376.28           | 8,140.86           | 580.66            |
| <b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>                               | <b>\$85,702.55</b> | <b>\$63,095.14</b> | <b>\$33,517.19</b> | <b>\$5,213.18</b> |
| <b>Cr.</b>  |                    |                    |                    |                   |
| REMITTANCE TO<br>TREASURER:                       |                    |                    |                    |                   |
| Redemptions                                       | 13,169.83          | 14,574.06          | 22,740.33          | 1,785.50          |
| Int./Costs (After<br>Lien Execution)              | 386.58             | 1,376.28           | 8,140.86           | 580.66            |
| Abatements of<br>Unredeemed Taxes                 | 107.28             | 106.40             | 94.83              | 88.23             |
| Liens Deeded<br>To Municipalities                 | 403.48             | 394.75             | 338.50             | 783.31            |
| Unredeemed Liens<br>Bal. End of Year              | 71,635.38          | 46,643.65          | 2,202.67           | 1,975.48          |
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>                              | <b>\$85,702.55</b> | <b>\$63,095.14</b> | <b>\$33,517.19</b> | <b>\$5,213.18</b> |

# TREASURER'S REPORT GENERAL FUND

|                               |                  |              |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| From Tax Collector:           |                  |              |
| Property - 1996               | 1,063,339.65     |              |
| Property - Prev. Years'       | 144,690.81       |              |
| Yield - 1996                  | 13,156.00        |              |
| Yield - Prev. Years'          | 579.00           |              |
| Land Use Change Tax           | 5,175.00         |              |
| Interest                      | 22,114.60        |              |
| Redemptions                   | <u>52,238.11</u> |              |
|                               |                  | 1,301,293.17 |
| From Town Clerk:              |                  |              |
| Motor Vehicle Permits         | 55,066.00        |              |
| Dog Licenses & Penalties      | <u>1,400.00</u>  |              |
|                               |                  | 56,466.00    |
| From State of New Hampshire:  |                  |              |
| Highway Block Grant           | 86,613.66        |              |
| Revenue Sharing               | 18,123.72        |              |
| Rooms & Meals                 | 6,187.14         |              |
| In Lieu of Taxes: Honey Brook | <u>276.08</u>    |              |
|                               |                  | 111,200.60   |
| Miscellaneous Sources:        |                  |              |
| T.Station Fees                | 2,879.00         |              |
| Interest on Deposits          | 6,006.70         |              |
| Income from Depts.            | 1,396.00         |              |
| Boat Fees                     | 352.68           |              |
| Reimb. for Cem. Wages         | 2,235.50         |              |
| Gift                          | 500.00           |              |
| Sale of Histories, Maps       | 445.50           |              |
| Recycling Proceeds            | 386.35           |              |
| Rent of Town Property         | 735.00           |              |
| Roy Mitchell Trust Fund       | 265.94           |              |
| Various Fees                  | 503.46           |              |
| Insurance Claim (Theft)       | 2,825.00         |              |
| Sale of Bridgham Lot          | 9,100.00         |              |
| Refunds                       | 1,869.30         |              |
| Truck Note                    | <u>45,000.00</u> |              |
|                               |                  | 74,500.43    |

TREASURER'S REPORT: cont.

|                    |                |            |
|--------------------|----------------|------------|
| TOTAL RECEIPTS     | 1,543,460.20   |            |
| Balance 12/31/95   | 272,938.84     |            |
| GRAND TOTAL        | 1,816,399.04   |            |
| Less Disbursements | (1,576,866.97) |            |
| Less Bank Charges  | (182.60)       |            |
| Plus Adj.          | <u>14.36</u>   |            |
| Balance 12/31/96   |                | 239,483.83 |

|                                 |              |          |
|---------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACCOUNT |              |          |
| Balance 1/15/96                 | 3,588.49     |          |
| Deposit                         | 28.00        |          |
| Interest                        | <u>92.67</u> |          |
| Balance 1/15/97                 |              | 3,709.16 |

|                           |              |          |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------|
| BUTSON GRAVEL BANK ESCROW |              |          |
| Balance 1/1/96            | 1,749.43     |          |
| Interest                  | <u>47.84</u> |          |
| Balance 12/31/96          |              | 1,797.27 |

Earl F. Luther,  
Treasurer



## DEBT OUTSTANDING AND RETIRED

| Debt Purpose   | Outstanding<br>At Beg. of Yr. | Issued<br>During Yr. | Retired<br>During Yr. | Outstanding<br>At End of Yr. |
|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Cold Pond Road | 50,000.00                     | -0-                  | 25,000.00             | 25,000.00                    |
| Mack Truck     | -0-                           | 45,000.00            | -0-                   | 45,000.00                    |

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Motor Vehicle Permits | 55,066.00       |
| Dog Licenses          | 1,201.50        |
| Penalties             | 315.00          |
| Clerk's Fees          | <u>- 116.50</u> |
| Total to Treasurer    | \$56,466.00     |

## TOWN OF ACWORTH, NH PROPERTY VALUATION SUMMARY AS OF 10-15-96

| CLASS | Taxable<br>Value | Non-taxable<br>Value | Total<br>Value |
|-------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| LAND  | 16,758,460       | 1,026,400            | 17,784,860     |
| CUSE  | 1,217,541        |                      | 1,217,541      |
| BLDG. | 24,280,625       | 991,770              | 25,272,395     |
| MOHO  | 470,275          | 18,480               | 488,755        |
| UTIL  | 1,238,973        |                      | 1,238,973      |
| TOTAL | 43,965,874       | 2,036,650            | 46,002,524     |

**TOWN OF ACWORTH  
1996 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

**REVENUES**

|                                      |           |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Property Taxes                       | 1,219,981 |           |
| Taxes Paid to School Dist.           | 892,403   |           |
| Land Use Change Taxes                | 5,175     |           |
| Yield Taxes                          | 14,642    |           |
| Int. & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes | 22,083    |           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         |           | 1,261,881 |

**Revenue from Licenses, Permits & Fees**

|                               |        |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees     | 55,066 |        |
| Other License, Permits & Fees | 1,753  |        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  |        | 56,819 |

**Revenue from the State**

|                                 |        |         |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Shared Revenue Block Grant      | 18,124 |         |
| Highway Block Grant             | 86,614 |         |
| State & Fed. Forest Land Reimb. | 276    |         |
| Rooms & Meals                   | 6,187  |         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    |        | 111,201 |

**Income From Departments**

|              |       |       |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | 4,275 | 4,275 |
|--------------|-------|-------|

**Revenue from Misc. Sources**

|                            |       |        |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|
| Sale of Municipal Property | 9,561 |        |
| Int. on Investments        | 6,007 |        |
| Rents of Property          | 735   |        |
| Ins. Dividends & Reimb.    | 4,694 |        |
| Contributions & Donations  | 500   |        |
| Other Misc. Sources        | 4,535 |        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               |       | 26,032 |

**Interfund Operating Transfers In**

|                                     |     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Transfers from Trust & Agency Funds | 266 |     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        |     | 266 |

**Other Financial Sources**

|                                       |        |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Proceeds from Long-term Notes & Bonds | 45,000 |        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          |        | 45,000 |

**TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES** 1,505,474

**TOTAL FUND EQUITY** 83,493

**TOTAL REVENUES & EQUITY** 1,588,967

**GENERAL FUND: cont.****EXPENDITURES****General Government**

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Executive                                  | 7,600  |
| Election, Registration. & Vital Statistics | 2,678  |
| Revaluation of Property                    | 1,200  |
| Legal Expense                              | 3,443  |
| Personnel Administration                   | 6,366  |
| Planning & Zoning                          | 342    |
| General Government Building                | 6,469  |
| Cemeteries                                 | 2,736  |
| Insurance                                  | 8,652  |
| Other Gen. Government                      | 11,490 |
| TOTAL                                      | 50,976 |

**Public Safety**

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| Police    | 28,251 |
| Ambulance | 2,266  |
| Fire      | 18,000 |
| TOTAL     | 38,517 |

**Highways & Streets**

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Highways and Streets             | 122,118 |
| Street Lighting                  | 1,765   |
| Other Highway, Streets & Bridges | 34,209  |
| TOTAL                            | 158,092 |

**Sanitation**

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Solid Waste Disposal | 37,339 |
| TOTAL                | 37,339 |

**Health**

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Pest Control                | 1,058 |
| Health Agencies & Hospitals | 3,129 |
| TOTAL                       | 4,187 |

**Welfare**

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Vendor Payments | 2,550 |
| TOTAL           | 2,550 |

**Culture & Recreation**

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Parks & Recreation | 6,686  |
| Library            | 14,900 |
| Patriotic Purposes | 150    |
| TOTAL              | 21,736 |



**Expenditures: cont.**

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| <b>Conservation</b> | 500 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | 500 |

**Debt Service**

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Princ. Long-term Bonds & Notes  | 25,000 |
| Int. on Long-term Bonds & Notes | 2,284  |
| Other Debt Service Charges      | 27,284 |

**Capital Outlay**

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Mach, Vehicles, & Equipment    | 97,991  |
| Improvements Other Than Bldgs. | 40,000  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | 137,991 |

**Payments to Other Governments**

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Taxes Assessed for County       | 119,494   |
| Taxes Assessed for School Dist. | 942,403   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | 1,061,897 |

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b> | 1,541,569 |
|---------------------------|-----------|

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| <b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b> | 47,398 |
|--------------------------|--------|

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | 1,588,967 |
|--------------|-----------|

**GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET****ASSETS**

|                     | Beg. of Yr. | End of Yr. |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|
| Cash & Equivalents  | 272,939     | 239,364    |
| Taxes Receivable    | 138,991     | 159,538    |
| Tax Liens           | 91,728      | 119,404    |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> | 503,658     | 518,306    |

**LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY**

|                             |         |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Warrants & Accounts Payable | 165     | 908     |
| Due to School Dist.         | 420,000 | 470,000 |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>    | 420,165 | 470,908 |

**Fund Equity**

|  |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|
| Unreserved Fund Balance                    | 83,493  | 47,398  |
| <b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>                   | 83,493  | 47,398  |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b> | 503,658 | 518,306 |

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION

### PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Executive                                 | 7,600.00  |
| Election, Registration & Vital Statistics | 2,000.00  |
| Revaluation of Property                   | 1,000.00  |
| Legal Expense                             | 5,000.00  |
| Personnel Administration      SS          | 6,300.00  |
| Planning & Zoning                         | 500.00    |
| General Government Bldg.                  | 5,000.00  |
| Cemeteries                                | 3,000.00  |
| Insurance                                 | 10,000.00 |
| Advertising & Regional Assoc.             | -0-       |
| Other General Government                  | 13,000.00 |

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Police               | 18,400.00 |
| Ambulance            | 2,266.00  |
| Fire                 | 18,000.00 |
| Animal Control       | 700.00    |
| Emergency Management | 10.00     |

#### HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Highways & Streets         | 115,000.00 |
| Street Lighting            | 2,000.00   |
| General Expenses - Highway | 30,000.00  |

#### SANITATION

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Solid Waste Collection | 45,000.00 |
|------------------------|-----------|

#### HEALTH

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Health Agencies & Hospitals | 7,300.00 |
| Hospice                     | 250.00   |
| SWCS                        | 500.00   |
| Food Shelf                  | 900.00   |
| Community Kitchen           | 300.00   |

#### WELFARE

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Vendor Payments | 5,000.00 |
|-----------------|----------|

#### CULTURE AND RECREATION

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Parks & Recreation | 1,600.00  |
| Library            | 14,900.00 |
| Patriotic Purposes | 150.00    |

#### CONSERVATION

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Other Conservation | 500.00 |
|--------------------|--------|

#### DEBT SERVICE

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes | 25,000.00 |
| Int.-Long Term Bonds & Notes   | 3,500.00  |
| Interest on TAN                | 3,000.00  |

#### CAPITAL OUTLAY

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Mach. Veh., & Equip. | 90,000.00 |
| Recreation Field     | 6,000.00  |
| Road Improvement     | 40,000.00 |

#### TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

483,676.76

# COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE TOWN OF ACWORTH

|                               |                           |                         | Tax Rates   |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Appropriations                | 483,676                   |                         |             |
| Less: Revenues                | 311,733                   |                         |             |
| Less: Shared Revenues         | 3,929                     |                         |             |
| Add: Overlay                  | 4,805                     |                         |             |
| War Service Credits           | <u>2,600</u>              |                         |             |
| Net Town appropriation        | 175,419                   |                         |             |
| Special Adjustment            | <u>0</u>                  |                         |             |
| Approved Town Tax Effort      |                           | 175,419                 |             |
| Municipal Tax Rate            |                           |                         | 4.00        |
|                               | -- School Portion --      |                         |             |
| Due to Local School           | 0                         |                         |             |
| Due to Reg. School            | 942,403                   |                         |             |
| Less: Shared Revenues         | <u>8,807</u>              |                         |             |
| Net School Appropriation      | 933,596                   |                         |             |
| Special Adjustment            | <u>0</u>                  |                         |             |
| Approved School Tax Effort    |                           | 933,596                 |             |
| School Tax Rate               |                           |                         | 21.28       |
|                               | -- County Portion --      |                         |             |
| Due to County                 | 119,494                   |                         |             |
| Less: Shared Revenues         | <u>1,003</u>              |                         |             |
| Net County Appropriation      | 118,491                   |                         |             |
| Special Adjustment            | <u>0</u>                  |                         |             |
| Approved County Tax Effort    |                           | 118,491                 |             |
| County Tax Rate               |                           |                         | <u>2.70</u> |
| Combined Tax Rate             |                           |                         | 27.98       |
| Total Property Taxes Assessed |                           | 1,227,506               |             |
|                               | -- Commitment Analysis -- |                         |             |
| Total Property Taxes Assessed |                           | 1,227,506               |             |
| Less: War Service Credits     |                           | (2,600)                 |             |
| Add: Village Dist. Commitment |                           | <u>0</u>                |             |
| Total Property Tax Commitment |                           | 1,224,906               |             |
|                               | -- Proof of Rate --       |                         |             |
| Net Assessed Valuation        | Tax Rate                  | Assessment              |             |
| 43,870,874                    | 27.98                     | 1,227,506               |             |
|                               | 1996 Bond Requirement     |                         |             |
| Treasurer:                    | 56,000                    | Tax Collector:          | 54,000      |
| Town Clerk:                   | 8,000                     | Trustees of Trust Funds | 27,000      |



## SUMMARY OF DETAILED PAYMENTS

### TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| John Rieck, Selectman             | \$1,000.00    |
| Lyman Young, Selectman            | 1,000.00      |
| Camelia Amell, Selectman          | 1,000.00      |
| Leon Newton, Tax Collector        | 2,000.00      |
| Brenda Longley, Town Clerk        | 1,400.00      |
| Earl Luther, Treasurer            | 700.00        |
| Kathi Bradt, Auditor              | 400.00        |
| Gladys Ring-Bogle, Health Officer | <u>100.00</u> |

\$7,600.00

### TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Administrative Ass't Salary | 2,500.00     |
| Computer Tax Bills          | 1,906.80     |
| Town Reports                | 1,460.00     |
| Telephone                   | 750.10       |
| Outside Services            | 918.50       |
| Postage                     | 1,111.90     |
| Organization Dues           | 550.00       |
| Secretarial Services        | 200.00       |
| Registry of Deeds           | 462.62       |
| Public Notices              | 188.76       |
| Land Survey                 | 1,400.00     |
| Supplies                    | 464.41       |
| Misc.                       | <u>43.00</u> |

11,956.09

### PROPERTY APPRAISALS

1,200.00

### ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Salaries (Town)   | 1,875.00      |
| Salaries (School) | 200.00        |
| Public Notices    | 312.20        |
| Supplies          | <u>291.19</u> |

2,678.39

### PLANNING & ZONING

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Public Notices          | 169.20        |
| Supplies (inc. postage) | <u>172.94</u> |

342.14

### TOWN HALL & COMMON

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| New Furnace       | 2,400.00     |
| Fuel Oil          | 1,410.05     |
| Common Mowing     | 1,070.00     |
| Custodial Service | 560.00       |
| Electricity       | 581.20       |
| Flag Duty         | 110.00       |
| T. Hall Repair    | 302.14       |
| Supplies          | <u>35.38</u> |

6,468.77

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| NHACC Dues (1996 & 1997) | 250.00       |
| Crescent Lake Testing    | 222.00       |
| Balance to Savings Acc't | <u>28.00</u> |

500.00

**POLICE**

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Constable's Salary      | 4,000.00     |
| Deputy's Wages          | 2,275.46     |
| Secretary's Salary      | 600.00       |
| Cruiser Lease           | 6,222.17     |
| Dispatch Service        | 2,400.00     |
| Paging Radio Service    | 217.64       |
| SC Radio (1994, 1995)   | 250.00       |
| Supplies                | 1,383.85     |
| Telephone               | 383.85       |
| Cruiser Repair, Service | 246.10       |
| Gas                     | 233.51       |
| Misc.                   | <u>38.00</u> |

18,250.58

**FIRE**

18,000.00

**ANIMAL CONTROL**

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Dog Tags                                | 60.15         |
| Officer's Wages                         | 354.38        |
| Mileage                                 | 129.18        |
| NH Population Control Program (1994-96) | <u>514.00</u> |

1,057.71

**INSURANCE**

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Road Agent's Disability   | 293.30        |
| Property-Liability        | 7,503.00      |
| Unemployment Contribution | 435.88        |
| Added Premium: Mack       | <u>420.00</u> |

8,652.18

**HEALTH AGENCIES**

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| HHC & CS              | 1,178.69      |
| Hospice               | 250.00        |
| SW Community Services | 500.00        |
| Foodshelf             | 900.00        |
| Community Kitchen     | <u>300.00</u> |

3,128.69

**AMBULANCE SUBSIDY**

2,266.00

**TRANSFER STATION**

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Wages                        | 6,279.00  |
| Trash Disposal 233.68T       | 20,166.64 |
| Demolition Disposal 240 yds. | 5,786.85  |
| Monitor Well & Test          | 1,858.90  |
| Telephone                    | 240.00    |
| Electricity                  | 231.97    |
| Supplies                     | 128.63    |
| Toilet Rent                  | 586.00    |

**Transfer Station: cont.**

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Cardboard Disposal        | 225.00          |
| Recyclables Disposal      | 553.00          |
| Snow Plowing              | 60.00           |
| NHRRRA Dues               | 47.48           |
| Certification Expense     | 56.00           |
| Pick-up Rent              | 120.00          |
| Services of Highway Dept. | <u>1,000.00</u> |

37,339.47

1,765.06

**STREET LIGHTING****HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Salary and Wages                     | 56,423.50         |
| Materials                            | 23,631.72         |
| Crane Brook Project                  | 10,000.00         |
| Cold Pond Road                       | 2,977.28          |
| Crescent Lake & Acworth Intersection | 3,931.84          |
| Sand Screening                       | 4,095.00          |
| Mowing                               | 3,200.00          |
| Salt                                 | 3,859.64          |
| Calcium Chloride                     | 2,033.20          |
| Culverts                             | 616.40            |
| Equipment Hire                       | 5,940.00          |
| Health Insurance                     | 6,357.55          |
| Service to Transfer Station          | <u>(1,000.00)</u> |

122,117.61

**GENERAL EXPENSES: HIGHWAY**

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Repairs           | 9,503.37      |
| Parts, Supplies   | 10,717.36     |
| Fuel              | 4,412.90      |
| Gas               | 803.08        |
| #2 Fuel (Heating) | 1,147.70      |
| Radios & Parts    | 2,985.40      |
| Contract Mechanic | 2,154.00      |
| Electricity       | 1,026.42      |
| Telephone         | 549.14        |
| Misc.             | <u>909.72</u> |

34,209.09

**LIBRARY**

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Wages            | 7,415.25        |
| SS               | 567.27          |
| Paid to Trustees | <u>6,917.48</u> |

14,900.00

**WELFARE**

2,549.70

**MEMORIAL DAY**

150.00





|  |              |                     |
|--|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>RECREATION</b>                      |              |                     |
| Toilet Rent                            | 586.00       |                     |
| Electricity                            | 141.39       |                     |
| Mowing                                 | 90.00        |                     |
| Supplies                               | <u>30.00</u> |                     |
|  |              | 847.39              |
| <b>CEMETERIES</b>                      |              | 2,735.50            |
| <b>LEGAL EXPENSE</b>                   |              | 3,443.01            |
| <b>TAX LIENS BY TOWN</b>               |              | 83,921.17           |
| <b>REFUNDS</b>                         |              | 1,411.00            |
| <b>FICA</b>                            |              | 6,366.35            |
| <b>INTEREST</b>                        |              | 2,283.88            |
| <b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT: ROADS</b>      |              | 40,000.00           |
| <b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT: BALL FIELD</b> |              | 5,839.20            |
| <b>NEW EQUIPMENT: MACK TRUCK</b>       |              | 97,990.99           |
| <b>LONG TERM DEBT PAYMENT</b>          |              | 25,000.00           |
| <b>COUNTY TAX</b>                      |              | 119,494.00          |
| <b>SCHOOL PAYMENTS</b>                 |              | 892,403.00          |
| <b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>             |              | <b>1,576,866.97</b> |

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

|  |                  |             |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| Town Hall and Land                           | \$109,000.00     |             |
| Contents                                     | 6,000.00         |             |
| Library and Land                             | 113,000.00       |             |
| Contents                                     | 30,000.00        |             |
| Police Dept. Equipment                       | 5,000.00         |             |
| Town Garage and Land                         | 96,300.00        |             |
| Equipment                                    | 267,000.00       |             |
| Materials, Supplies                          | 6,000.00         |             |
| Grange Hall and Land                         | 56,000.00        |             |
| Town Common                                  | 28,000.00        |             |
| Sand Pit, Transfer Station                   | <u>30,800.00</u> |             |
| TOTAL  |                  | 747,100.00  |
| Lands Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds |                  |             |
| Ball Lot 466                                 | 6,900.00         |             |
| Benware Mobile Home                          | 7,400.00         |             |
| Wilson Mobile Home                           | 12,900.00        |             |
| Buss Lot 357                                 | 8,300.00         |             |
| Callum Lot 485                               | 2,000.00         |             |
| Champney Lot 260                             | 7,900.00         |             |
| Crescent Lake Lot 101B                       | 7,900.00         |             |
| Farnsworth Lot 279A                          | 41,300.00        |             |
| Gove Lots - 207,207A,208,208A                | 332,700.00       |             |
| Hurd Lots - Lots 55C, 59B                    | 33,400.00        |             |
| Jennison Lot 623                             | 28,100.00        |             |
| Johnson Lot 293                              | 23,800.00        |             |
| Morris Lot 871                               | 6,300.00         |             |
| Nelson Lot 618A                              | 11,400.00        |             |
| Prouty Lot 649                               | 7,100.00         |             |
| Shaw Lot 227A                                | 9,900.00         |             |
| Turner Lot 68A                               | <u>13,100.00</u> |             |
| TOTAL  |                  | 560,400.00  |
| Lands Acquired Through Gift or Purchase      |                  |             |
| Acworth Wetlands Lot 253                     | 3,600.00         |             |
| Peirera Wetlands Lots 263A, 263C             | 10,500.00        |             |
| Diggert Lot 255                              | 1,900.00         |             |
| Pierce Brook Woodlot Lot 720                 | 8,700.00         |             |
| Mill Pond Acre and Mica Shed                 | 19,300.00        |             |
| Five Points School Hse Lot 464               | 7,000.00         |             |
| Prince Lot 515A                              | <u>1,600.00</u>  |             |
| TOTAL  |                  | \$52,600.00 |

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Coming into 1997 the Town still continues to enjoy financial stability and a budget surplus of \$47,000.00. It is planned to use this money to offset the 1997 taxes and maintain a \$4.00/thousand tax rate while continuing to upgrade and improve Town Property and roads.

The dump situation has and will continue to need constant oversight to control cost. 1996 tonage was 233 tons vs. 250 tons in 1995.

The citizens in town plus the Recycling Committee are to be commended for their diligence in recycling and reducing cost. In 1996 the Selectmen closed the dump on Sundays which caused an inconvenience to all residences. It was done as a major cost consideration due to the high cost of trucking containers that were not filled to capacity to ensure capacity for Sunday Dump hours.

The Sullivan County Waste District has filed suit against the Town for our 1994 vote to withdraw from the District. Although there has been some dialogue between the Selectmen and the District it has been unfruitful in resolving our differences with the district. The Selectmen will continue to pursue a dialogue with the Sullivan County District to resolve this matter without going to court. The Selectmen would like to Thank John Tuthill in his unending dedication on behalf of the Town in this matter.

The Selectmen are very pleased with the support of the Town and involved committees in our efforts to maintain a road capital improvements program. We have completed two years of this plan and are planning 3 years in advance to continue these capital improvements. It is hoped that at the 5 year mark everyone will find a noticable improvement as we travel around town.

The town was able to purchase a new truck in 1996 without any major impact in the budget. Although quite expensive the truck has enabled the town crew to accomplish their duties more efficiently leading to better roads and better service.

The Conservation Committee is presenting to the voters a new approach for Acworth concerning the largest piece of property the Town owns. This proposal, if accepted by voters, would provide the Town with a three fold benefit - Protecting a large lot from development, providing recreational uses and a continuing source of revenue for the Town.



## **PLANNING BOARD 1996 REPORT**

The Board met 13 times in 1996.

Three subdivisions were granted this year.

Possible violations of the scenic roads laws involving stone walls and driveway access on Gates Mountain led to much discussion and meetings with the parties involved. The Planning Board has now developed and the town has adopted a written driveway application form.

All should be aware that new driveways connecting onto a town road must follow proper procedure to obtain approval of a permanent or temporary driveway permit.

Meetings are held every last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. and are open to the public. Your attendance is always welcome.

Bruce Bascom, chairman  
Jack Balla, secretary  
Matthew Sarles  
Richard Bishop  
Tom Esslinger  
Steve Levin

## ROAD AGENT REPORT

The new Mack truck showed up and works very well with a sanding spinner in front of the back wheels. This puts sand under your tires as the truck moves along.

The FWD is still running good though we did have a few repairs. Keep in mind that it is a '67 and didn't cost the town big bucks.

Road work went quite well with culverts installed on Gove Road plus many other roads where needed. We ditched along the Charlestown Road, shimmed it from the Charlestown line to Black North and also put Surpac on the road shoulders. This year, we want to put on topcoat from the Charlestown line to the State line in Acworth town.

On January 19, 1996 we had severe rains which flooded many roads...that's Mother Nature for you! This occurred on the weekend and we did have a pile of Surpac available for necessary repairs. This is one reason it's good to have some on hand.

Parts of Crane Brook Road were shimmed and bridges were shoveled and swept off. Brush was cut on the Charlestown Road, Gove Road, Henio Road and Putnam Road. Surpac was put on Grout Hill Road, and Gates Mt. Road. Gove Road and Gates Mt. road were ditched, bank run gravel was added then Surpac applied on top. Matting carpet was put on a bad mud spot on Henio Road with Surpac on top as well as Cold Pond Road getting another coat of Surpac, the same as last year.

We are almost out of sand at the end of this year so we are trying to save what's on hand for really bad going. When the roads are snow covered and it's cold, we use less sand.

I would like to Thank everyone for their patience with the road crew and especially Mother Nature, who helped us out with a milder winter this past year.

Don Porter,  
Road Agent

**ACWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT  
1996 REPORT**

Last year was a busy one for the Department in motor vehicle accidents and the number of break-ins reported. The department handled through Claremont Dispatch 123 calls. These, however do not reflect the follow up calls nor the calls we received through the local system. State Police handled 25 calls due to the fact we were on other calls or not available.

This year we added two cameras that were donated by the state County Attorneys Assoc. to be used in the investigation of Domestic Violence cases. As in the last few years we hope to keep the school programs going with the Bicycle Safety, Halloween Safety, and hope to add a Drug program to this list. This program will be a joint effort with the Sheriffs Office and our Department with items donated by the Concerned Citizens for a Safer Acworth.

Sgt. Webber and I would to thank the C.C.S.A. and the citizens of Acworth for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,  
William P. Raymond Jr.

## ACWORTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1996 ANNUAL REPORT

The Commission again monitored the Clark, Roy, Moody and Pierce Brook conservation easement properties. David Clark explained an area cut of "pasture pine" done with the long range objective of encouraging a more valuable regrowth of mixed species. We plan to schedule a meeting in the spring with Peter Helm, the Office of State Planning Coordinator, to discuss our monitoring efforts.

Acworth enjoys a richly varied and relatively unspoiled system of natural resources, including a major portion of the Cold River watershed, headed by Crescent Lake. We have continued water quality testing of the lake in partnership with Unity to gauge lake health and watch for specific problems. The lake's condition continues to be fairly good, but improvement is clearly possible by reducing the motorboat impact on shoreline erosion and lake bottom stirring, less disturbance of vegetation along the shore and increased planting of groundcovers, trees and shrubs, and avoidance of any sand placement in or near the waterline. Also, any permitted construction should be done with uninterrupted erosion control and vegetation restoration. We continue to educate ourselves about these concerns, and work to educate others.

During four days in October and November the Recycling Committee attended to a paint and dry cell battery collection at the transfer station. Hundreds of partially filled paint cans and hundreds of batteries were collected, so the effort was a success. However, it was rather expensive, and all of us as consumers should be careful to only buy the paint and batteries we really need, and use what we buy effectively and as completely as possible, all to minimize the resulting waste.

The Commission joined with Barbara Davis as organizer, along with other volunteers, for a successful Green Up day on April 17, picking up roadside trash. Watch in the spring for notice of one this year.

The Acworth and Alstead Conservation Commissions co-sponsored a lecture series during the year, including an interesting lecture and slides on the Harris Center Refuge by Meade Cadot. Other events sponsored by the Commission included a panel discussion of pending legislation by members of New Hampshire Citizen Action last February, Judy Tumosa of the Society for the protection of New Hampshire Forests explaining the new digitalized GIS mapping system for the region done by Complex Systems of UNH, and David Anderson, also of the SPNHF on ecosystem mapping of large areas. Sam and Debby attended a land planning and protection conference in Concord which was helpful regarding conservation easement establishment and monitoring.

A feature of our activities this year has been consideration of initiating active management of the largest town owned property, that is known as the Gove lot. The selectmen suggested we consider working with them to ask the town if it wishes to make it a town forest, a designation framed in State law. Working with Peter Rhoades, town forester, we discussed the goals of such designation, and after a hike on the property we all agreed to go ahead. A practical feature of making it a town forest would be to realize some revenue from timber harvest



within a forest management plan. This revenue would be available for town use beyond forest management costs, by vote at town meeting. Features of the plan would be inventorying the assets of the parcel and then developing a plan and implementing it in the ensuing years. The plan would employ good stewardship practices to provide a reliable source of timber, while also protecting wildlife habitat, protecting water resources, providing locations for outdoor recreation and educational activities, and demonstrating proper forest management activities. The plan would be tailored to fit this particular land resource.

A properly managed town forest seems to make sense because it establishes a rational land use plan for an environmental asset held by the town. It designates an organizational leader, the Conservation Commission, which in turn serves, and is responsible to the town, which at bottom means the voters. And while the Conservation Commission is formally the manager, it will not only welcome input from the citizenry, but will actively seek it, as well as employ expert services, both private and public, as found appropriate.

The Commission will provide further information about a Gove lot town forest in the March Acworth Newsletter and at town meeting.

We have had some membership turnover this year, having lost Mary Bradley, who moved to Claremont, and Kerry Beverstock, who is now living in Tasmania. They were replaced by Debby Hinman and Betsy Snider respectively. However, Brian Miller can no longer serve because of a lengthened commute to work, so we are looking for a new member at present. If you have interest, attend one of our meetings, or contact a Commission member or a selectman. And of course we welcome anyone to our meetings on the second Wednesday evening of each month at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sam R. Stephens, Chair  
Laurie Luther-Houghton  
Brian Miller  
Geraldine Rudenfeldt  
Debbie Hinman  
Betsy Snider

**ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY**  
**1996 REPORT**

|                              |             |           |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Beg. Balance Operation Funds | 5,022.37    |           |
| Beg. Balance Savings Funds   | 20,970.69   | 25,993.06 |
| Town Appropriation           |             |           |
| Received From Treasurer      | 6,917.48    |           |
| Salaries Paid by Treasurer   | 7,415.25    |           |
| Soc. Sec. Paid by Treasurer  | 567.27      |           |
|                              |             | 14,900.00 |
| Income From Trust Funds      | 4,386.02    |           |
| Interest on Savings Acct.    | 534.11      |           |
| Book Sales & Misc.           | 674.51      |           |
| Misc. Copy Fee & Services    | 216.59      |           |
|                              |             | 5,811.23  |
| Donations Designated         | 959.00      |           |
| Donations Building Fund      | 175.00      |           |
| Misc. Donations              | 75.00       |           |
|                              |             | 1,209.00  |
| Total Available              |             | 47,913.29 |
| Total Spent Operating        |             | 18,675.79 |
| Total Spent Capital          |             | 5,136.81  |
| Balance                      |             | 24,100.69 |
| Balance in Operating Funds   | - 832.39    |           |
| Balance in Savings Funds     | - 14,085.36 |           |
| Balance in Temp. Savings     | - 9,182.94  |           |
| TOTAL                        | - 24,100.69 |           |

Goals for 1996 that have not been accomplished but need to happen as soon as spring weather allows, Slate Roof Repairs - Foundation Stone Repair - Electrical Work and New Fixtures, Floor Refinishing

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES 1996 REPORT

1996 was another year of progress for Acworth's Silsby Library!

The IBM computer donated by the Codman Hyslop estate and upgraded by the Hanson family has been in use by our librarians all this past year, mainly for interstate library loans. We now have installed the 2nd computer - a "user-friendly" Mac (the same as those used in our area schools) that has already been enjoyed by a number of our patrons. Bought with a combination of town funds, a State Library Grant and software donated by the Friends, the opportunity now exists for free computer lessons at the library given by Ken Fernald and Diantha Schierloh. Call the library for dates and times.

We were very sad to lose our Librarian, Barbara Davis, during the summer. With us for the past 9-plus years, she retired to devote more time to her family and her pottery. Barbara's contributions were many, particularly the improvement and augmentation of the children's collection. She was ever-helpful to all and we miss that warm and welcoming smile. Husband, Steve, left us with his beautifully constructed bookcase in the Children's Room and a handsome, sturdy TV/VCR table in the Bird room. Thank you, Barbara and Steve, for your splendid contributions!

Fortunately, Devik Hemmings (formerly the Assistant Librarian) was willing and able to step into the vacant position and has taken hold of the reins admirably. Already she has completed a very intense and demanding Librarian's computer course. Also, Diantha Schierloh, has been giving her on-going training sessions on both computers. Thanks, Diantha!

Barbara Clark, retired from a number of years as school librarian, has accepted the position of Assistant. We are delighted to have her and she has already assisted a number of us.

Improvements within the building continue. Last winter, Tetrotec, (our furnace supplier), administered a free heating test. After discovery of air leaks in walls, doors and in the attic, all were sealed and greater heating efficiency achieved.

The major construction of the year was our brand new Librarian's Station. After considering a number of bids, Barry Schellhase of Keene and David Voss (electrician) of Washington, were hired. We now have exciting new space for the librarian's computer equipment, overhead shelves and cabinets for storage, top work space and a very efficient check-in/out counter.

A dedicated number of Friends and other volunteers not only helped "as needed" during the personnel change, but are now evaluating materials in our standing files in the Bird Room, identifying and sorting archival material and storing in large acid-free, library boxes. These will be readily accessible for those doing research.

Throughout 1997, we will have a number of projects. First, when warmer weather appears, we will have floors throughout the library sanded and refinished. Also, slates that have cracked, broken or fallen off will be replaced. And a stone mason will reposition several stones in the southeastern foundation. Plus, the Friends will help in the evolution of lovely Reading/Reference Room by helping find comfortable furniture for the Bird Room. Call us if you would like to help.

Library Trustees: cont.

MANY THANKS! - to all of you who support our wonderful library! Thanks to the Road Department personnel who keep our parking lot and handicap access driveway plowed in the winter, the outdoor crew who shovel snow and sprinkle dirt as needed, and the mowers and weeders who make the lawn and path presentable. Also, the unseen janitorial helpers who sweep, mop, dust and empty our trash. We appreciate you tremendously!

And, to you our patrons, THANKS, also! Your generous gifts of money are welcomed at all times of the year - for special projects, for memoriams to family and/or friends, or just unrestricted. Your "gifts-in-kind" (books, videos, tapes etc.) are thankfully received and make our annual Book Sale during Old Home Day weekend a big success.

Make your wants and needs known to the Librarians or the Trustees and they will serve you as ably as in the past. Do come see us!

Nancy K. Sandoe,  
President of Board of Trustees  
Ruth Balla, Treasurer  
Maggie Hanson, Secretary



**ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY  
BUDGET FOR 1997**

|  | Budget 1996 | Spent 1996 | Proposed '97 |
|--|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Salaries                                     | 8,500.00    | 7,983.00   | 8,500.00     |
| Books  | 2,200.00    | 2,417.00   | 2,000.00     |
| Periodicals                                  | 500.00      | 383.00     | 300.00       |
| Other Materials                              | 300.00      | 246.00     | 250.00       |
| Electricity                                  | 400.00      | 510.00     | 550.00       |
| Heat   | 1,000.00    | 814.00     | 1,000.00     |
| Telephone                                    | 500.00      | 492.00     | 500.00       |
| Services                                     | 300.00      | 449.00     | 400.00       |
| Supplies & Equipment                         | 600.00      | 871.00     | 800.00       |
| Tuition, Travel, Fees                        | 500.00      | 634.00     | 500.00       |
| Programs, Misc..                             | 100.00      | 397.00     | 100.00       |
| Computer & Copier Services                   | ---         | ---        | 350.00       |
| Contingency Fund Op Bgt                      | None        | None       | None         |
| Totals                                       | 14,900.00   | 15,196.00  | 15,250.00    |
| Capital                                      | -0-         | 5,137.00   | -0-          |
|  |             |            |              |
| Estimated Income                             |             |            | 900.00       |
| Interest on Savings                          | 400.00      |            |              |
| Book Sales                                   | 400.00      |            |              |
| Misc. Income                                 | 100.00      |            |              |
|  |             |            |              |
| Total Requesting From Town Funds             |             |            | 14,350.00    |
| Estimated Designated Income From Trust Funds |             |            | 2,600.00     |

**ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY**  
**1996 REPORT**

The Acworth Silsby Library was full of activity in 1996. The free monthly programs included the Old Home Day Book Sale, the annual Artisans Craft Fair, a slide talk about the Mill Tapestry Project by Patryc Wiggin of Newport, the Night of a Thousand Stars family reading night, a Lego building contest, and a 4th of July Strawberry Fest with a wonderful show by entertainer Jody Scalise. Classes from the Acworth School visit the library most weeks, and are doing lessons in library skills appropriate for their grades and listening to storybooks, as well as choosing and checking out books.

Interest from the Jeffrey Trust Fund has been used to buy special materials we could not otherwise afford, including some exciting and easy to read children's informational books on animals, tornados, cooking, and many other topics.

The checkout area and librarian's work area have been remodeled, with lovely oak counters and cabinets, which give us more work space, and room for the librarian's computer.

We now have a public computer too, with many programs and CD ROMs available, and we will soon be on the Internet. We are looking forward to helping you do homework, write resumes, and have fun with the computer.

There have been changes in personnel as well. Barbara Davis has resigned after 9 years, and we will miss her cheery smile and helpful ways. I am enjoying being director and appreciate the experienced help of Barbara Clark, my assistant, who recently retired from the Vilas School Library.

We are looking forward to another year of meeting your information and entertainment needs. If you have not visited the library lately, please stop in. We think you will be pleased with our changes and additions.

Devik Hemmings, Director

## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY 1996 REPORT**

In the past year, the Friends of the Library have continued to support our Library with volunteer work on many projects. They donated two beautiful large urns for the front of the building and then filled each of them with plants and flowers. The library's Strawberry Fest on the 4th of July was a huge success both with the Friend's Strawberry ice cream sundaes, which sold out, and the funds for the presentation of Dennis Marvin reading his Acworth poetry and Jody Scalise, a motion artist that wowed the crowd.

Old Home Day was quite an event at the library with the Friends assisting with the Book Sale, the Flea & Craft market and a Coffee & donut booth.

The Annual Craft Fair was held at the Town Hall in November and although the weather did not cooperate, a great time was had by all. The Friends held a "Chinese Raffle", had a Luncheon booth and assisted with funds for the musical entertainment by Gerry Grimo's Dixieland Band.

Two oak magazine display racks now replace an old out-dated rack with the funds donated to the Friends by Gerry and Irma DeMuro in Memory of Irma's sister, Louise Breier Kean. The most recent acquisition is a supply of acid free boxes to store the collection of historical archives located at the library. This is part of the Friend's on-going Bird Room project to create a more useful research and reading room for patrons use.

The fund raising projects of Library Bags, the "Village Collection" of miniature town buildings and The Acworth Community Newsletter, published monthly, continue to be a successful source of revenue for these projects and others during the year.

Pegi Kish, President

**ACWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE CO., INC.**  
**1996 OPERATING COSTS**

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Electricity   | \$343.00 |
| Heat (Heat and electricity for fire station)                | 310.00   |
| Insurance (Liability, vehicles, workman's comp. property)   | 5,750.00 |
| Administration (Auditing, preparing reports, postage, etc.) | 371.00   |
| Fees. dues (SWMA, State filing fees, etc.)                  | 1,588.00 |

Costs listed above are expected to remain about the same.

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Training   | 475.00          |
| (New and/or ongoing training for fire, rescue personnel<br>Substantial increase needed for training tools and instruction) |                 |
| Supplies   |                 |
| (Disposable supplies, incidental equipment, etc.)  | 767.00          |
| Vehicle operations (Gas, oil, repairs, inspections, etc.)  | 806.00          |
| Maintenance (Building, radios, equipment repairs, etc.)  | <u>1,512.00</u> |

The last three lines are variable, depending on the number and types of calls, etc., but some increase is expected, due to replacement and repair needs.

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Total operating cost for 1996 | \$11,923.00 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|

Balance of appropriation used toward purchase of equipment needed to maintain consistent level of service that meets local needs and all state and federal requirements. In 1997 we expect to purchase a truck and equipment costing \$84,000 with a scheduled \$15,000 annual payback.



**ACWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE CO., INC.  
1996 REPORT**

The Acworth Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company, Inc. responded to 52 calls during 1996. Ten of these were fire calls, including four calls for mutual aid to other towns. We had 38 rescue calls, two false alarms, and two calls for other assistance. All fire and rescue personnel respond to all calls, whether they are made to 911 or to our dispatchers at 352-1100.

We've added two new members this year -- one EMT and one firefighter. Plans are underway to develop an in-house training program as a supplement to regional classes.

Hoping that our political battles are over, we also have plans to replace our M2 unit. In addition to the truck we will need \$10,000 worth of new equipment. Memorial donations set aside for rescue equipment now total approximately \$3,000. Additions to the memorial fund and other fund-raising ideas are being considered.

As we look forward to a stable organization and continued service to our community, we wish to express our appreciation to the many who have shown their support in words, actions, and contributions. We also thank the taxpayers and selectmen for the privilege of including our report in the Town Report.

Elbert Knicely, Chief

## ACWORTH RECREATION COMMITTEE 1996 REPORT

This year the Recreation Committee along with a very huge amount of people, businesses, youth group and friends helped to enlarge the ballfield. It didn't get used last year because of the rain and the ground not being firm. We have a couple of washouts to fix but will be ready for Spring baseball and softball teams.

We would like to thank Leon Newton for the use of one of his fields on Forest Road for soccer. Everybody had a real good time. Thank you Leon.

We will be selling pies, coffee and tea at Town Meeting again fthis year. This seems to go over big.

In August for Old Home Day we had our 2nd Annual Peanut Carnival. We added a couple of new games. The Youth Group helped with running the games as well as selling snacks and drinks.

The Youth Group decided that with the help of the Recreation Committee that they could pull off a Haunted House for Halloween. Well, if you didn't go through it you really missed an enjoyable time. Even the parents were going through. The Rec Committee had cider and doughnuts at the Town Hall while you waited to be escorted through the Haunted House.

After being with the Recreation Committee since the beginning, Tracy Hanson has resigned. She was a big asset to the Recreation Committee. Thanks Tracy.

We also had 2 baseball teams and 3 soccer teams this fall and summer. We had a girl's soccer team which played for the 9 - 11 year olds boys team also.

If you have any ideas or are willing to help - we meet each month the second Monday at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall or you can contact Red Longley, Chairman at 835-6757.

**LEFEVRE AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.**  
**1996 REPORT**

It has been a year since we last had the opportunity to address you.

We continue to try to provide the highest level of prehospital care to all we serve. In the past year many of our personnel have, in order to continue to provide the highest level of care, upgraded their levels of training. Our personnel assisted in instructing various courses throughout the year. The majority of these classes are held at Springfield Hospital, a central location in the district. We continue to be active in community education in providing Emergency Care Attendant/First Responder courses, Basic First Aid and CPR courses to both lay persons and professionals in our communities. We shall continue to provide this service as needed. In the early part of 1997 we will be holding an Emergency Care Attendant course at the Bellows Falls Fire Department.

During the year 1996 LeFevre Ambulance Service responded to the following calls in Acworth:

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Emergency                          | 36 |
| No. Transport or Transport Refused | 7  |
| Other                              | 1  |
| TOTAL                              | 44 |

LeFevre Ambulance Service currently has the following State of Vermont certified personnel:

|  |    |
|--|----|
| EMT-P (Paramedics)                     | 6  |
| EMT-I & D Intermediate & Defibrillator | 10 |
| EMT-A                                  | 15 |
| ECA                                    | 3  |

We want to continue to work closely with our First Response Squads. In 1996-97 we again want to continue to provide the highest level of care possible to you and your families. This means working closely with the Fire and Rescue Squads. We are always happy to go to the schools to work with the young people as well as encouraging citizens to participate in emergency medical training, continually improving the training of our staff and purchasing the most cost-effective equipment available.

Once again, we wish to take a moment here to clarify a point in reference to how to call for an ambulance. If a call is received by our dispatcher, we will respond an ambulance and notify Keene Mutual Aid to tone the Rescue Squad, when appropriate. If Keene Mutual Aid receives the call, they will tone the Rescue Squad and LeFevre Ambulance automatically responds an ambulance. Therefore, either method will result in the dispatching of both Rescue and ambulance.

Our special thanks to the Acworth Fire and Rescue Squad for their assistance during the past year. Also, we would like to take this opportunity to again invite members of your squad to participate in our monthly training sessions which are held the second Wednesday of each month. ALS training sessions are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Our EMERGENCY telephone number is 1-802-463-4223

Our NON-EMERGENCY number is 1-802-463-3636.

Respectfully submitted,  
LEFVRE AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.  
Gerald R. LeFevre, President

HOME HEALTHCARE, HOSPICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
REPORT TO THE TOWN OF ACWORTH  
JANUARY 1, 1996 TO DECEMBER 31, 1996

ANNUAL REPORT

In 1996, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Acworth. The following information represents a projection of HCS's activities in your community in 1996. The projection is based on actual services provided from January through September 1996 and an estimate of usage during October, November and December.

SERVICE REPORT

| <u>SERVICES OFFERED</u>      | <u>SERVICES PROVIDED</u> | <u>SERVICES SUPPORTED<br/>PARTIALLY OR TOTALLY<br/>BY THE TOWN</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Nursing                      | 196 Visits               | 3 Visits   |
| Child Health Nursing         | 1 Visits                 | 1 Visits   |
| Physical Therapy             | 37 Visits                | 0 Visits   |
| Speech Pathology             | 16 Visits                | 0 Visits   |
| Occupational Therapy         | 0 Visits                 | 0 Visits   |
| Medical Social Work          | 4 Visits                 | 1 Visit  |
| Nutritionist                 | 2 Visits                 | 2 Visits   |
| Home Health Aide             | 157 Visits               | 0 Visits   |
| Homemaker                    | 79 Hours                 | 66 Hours   |
| Outreach                     | 0 Visits                 | 0 Visits   |
| Child Health Program         | 1 Child                  | 1 Child  |
| Home & Community Based Care* | 1,535 Hours              | 0 Hours  |
| Health Promotion Clinics     | 4 Clinics                | 4 Clinics  |

\*Home and Community Based Care is a Medicaid program which offers extended home care services to individuals who are in need of nursing home level care but can be maintained at home for a lower cost.

Total Unduplicated Residents Served: 38

Regularly scheduled wellness clinics, child health clinics, prenatal and hospice care are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

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The actual cost of all services provided in 1996 with all funding sources is projected to be \$51,156.54.

The total cost of services provided for a partial fee, or at no charge to residents in 1996 is projected to be \$1,109.00 for home care.

For 1997, we recommend an appropriation of \$9,000.00 to continue home care services at the current level.

Thank you for your consideration.



# TOWN REPORT - REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND FOR 1996

| NAME OF TRUST FUND                  | HOW INVESTED   | BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR | NEW FUNDS  | INCOME DURING YEAR                | EXPENDED DURING YEAR | BALANCE END OF YEAR |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Cemetery Fund Common Trust:         | Income Fund of Am.   | \$51,000.00               |            | 3345.05 *<br>dep. to Ct River Bk. | * \$3,345.05         | \$51,000.00         |
| Cemetery Income Account:            | Connecticut River Savings Bank                                       | \$7,353.09                | \$3,345.05 | \$213.94                          | \$1,557.00           | \$9,355.08          |
| Library Fund                        | U.S. Gov't. Sec. Tr.   | \$3,536.06                | \$0.00     | \$197.65                          | \$197.65             | \$3,536.06          |
| Roy E. Mitchell Town of Acworth     | No. Am. Bond Fund  | \$5,023.81                |            | \$337.93                          | \$337.93             | \$5,000.00          |
| Roy E. Mitchell Old Cemetery Tr.    | No. Am. Bond Fund  | \$5,045.07                |            | \$337.31                          | \$337.31             | \$5,000.00          |
| Roy E. Mitchell Cemetery Tr. Fd.    | No. Am. Bond Fund  | \$10,146.90               |            | \$611.02                          | \$611.02             | \$10,000.00         |
| Jefferys Funds S. Acworth Comm. Aid | Capital Inc Bldr.  | \$17,995.42               |            | \$1,003.89                        | \$750.56             | \$18,245.75         |
|                                     | The Comm. Aid has disbanded-interest held with principal temporarily |                           |            | \$1,863.97                        | \$1,863.97           | \$33,420.07         |
| VNA Memorial Fd                     | "  | \$33,420.07               |            |                                   |                      |                     |
| Silby Library Fd.                   | "  | \$43,703.17               |            | \$2,438.99                        | \$2,438.99           | \$43,703.17         |
|                                     |  |                           |            |                                   |                      | \$179,260.43        |

This is to certify that the information in this report is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

*Magnum J. Hansen*  
*Blair F. Harrison*

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACWORTH

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>NAME</u>             | <u>PARENTS</u>        | <u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2-10-96     | Benjamin Lloyd Holt     | Steven Holt           | New London, NH        |
|             |                         | Tanya Merrifield-Holt |                       |
| 8-16-96     | Alanna Hartt Tenney     | David Tenney          | Acworth               |
|             |                         | Meredith Hartt Tenney |                       |
| 8-30-96     | Maxwell Thomas Bostwick | Clifford Bostwick     | Keene                 |
|             |                         | Tiea Zehnbauer        |                       |
| 11-6-96     | Marybeth Brown          | Thomas Brown          | Lebanon               |
|             |                         | Stephanie Brown       |                       |
| 11-15-96    | Vanessa Renee Guion     | Gary Guion            | Lebanon               |
|             |                         | Paula Guion           |                       |

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN ACWORTH

| <u>DATE</u> |                      | <u>RESIDENCE</u> | <u>PLACE</u>   |
|-------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 12-30-95    | William J. Murphy    | Acworth          | Acworth        |
|             | Lynda C. Metcalf     | Acworth          |                |
| 4-1-96      | Lucius Tallman       | Acworth          | Acworth        |
|             | Maryanne E. Raymond  | Acworth          |                |
| 5-18-96     | Bruce L. Fredholm    | Acworth          | Acworth        |
|             | April D. McKnight    | Acworth          |                |
| 6-8-96      | Walter E. Simonetti  | Burlington, Vt.  | Acworth        |
|             | Sarah L. Buffum      | Burlington, Vt.  |                |
| 7-6-96      | Steven M. Stewart    | Charlestown      | Acworth        |
|             | Emily S. Esslinger   | Acworth          |                |
| 8-17-96     | Randall F. Rhoades   | Acworth          | Acworth        |
|             | Jessica B. Rogers    | Acworth          |                |
| 8-24-96     | Gary J. Bavis        | Andover          | Acworth        |
|             | Linda S. Russell     | Acworth          |                |
| 10-19-96    | Mark A. Karenkiewicz | Norwich, Ct.     | Acworth        |
|             | Laura J. Fitch       | Canterbury, Ct.  |                |
| 12-29-96    | Paul A. Phipps       | Northampton, Ma. | Swanzy Ct., NH |
|             | Heather M. Brainard  | Acworth          |                |

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF ACWORTH

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>NAME</u>     | <u>AGE</u> | <u>PLACE</u>      |
|-------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------|
| <u>1994</u> |                 |            |                   |
| 12-94       | Corrine Simpson | 96         | Keene, NH         |
| <u>1995</u> |                 |            |                   |
| 4-1-95      | Ruth Goodell    | 90         | Keene, NH         |
| 7-95        | Clayton Roy     | 70         | Alstead, NH       |
| 11-5-95     | Ella Newton     | 86         | Springfield, VT   |
| <u>1996</u> |                 |            |                   |
|             | John Kristoff   |            | CT                |
| 1-13-96     | Ernest Knight   | 90         | Maplewood         |
| 2-16-96     | Warren Turner   | 96         | NJ                |
| 2-23-96     | Marilyn Nelson  | 66         | Brattleboro, VT   |
| 2-27-96     | Elmer Rhoades   | 68         | Keene, NH         |
| 3-25-96     | Michael Baran   | 79         | WRJCT, VT         |
| 4-10-96     | Madeline Balla  | 86         | Acworth, NH       |
| 4-11-96     | Anthony Ruddy   | 80         | Acworth, NH       |
| 4-14-96     | Margaret Smith  | 87         | Epsom, NH         |
| 4-21-96     | Bert Wright     | 88         | Saxtons River, VT |
| 4-25-96     | Milton Wright   | 74         | Acworth, NH       |
| 6-96        | Leroy Smeltzer  | 73         | Conn.             |
| 6-1-96      | Louise Nevelson | 89         | NY City           |
| 8-9-96      | Joseph Goewey   | 84         | Mass.             |
| 8-31-96     | Harold Theroux  | 80         | Hartford, VT      |
| 10-13-96    | William Hall    | 62         | N.Kingstown, RI   |
| 12-96       | Martha Doty     | 76         | Scotland          |
| 12-26-96    | Nina Yacenko    | 85         | Acworth, NH       |









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